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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, AF  
SUBJECT: MINISTER OF STATE SEES POLITICAL MOVEMENT IN NEAR  
FUTURE

1. DURING A COURTESY CALL BY THE AMBASSADOR AND  
DCM ON AUGUST 7, MINISTER OF STATE ABDUL MAJID  
STATED THAT "WITHIN ONE TO TWO MONTHS" THE GOVERN-  
MENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) WOULD BE PUBLISHING THE  
CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL REVOLUTION  
PARTY, THE SINGLE PARTY PERMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 40  
OF THE NEW AFGHAN CONSTITUTION.

2. DR. MAJID EXPLAINED THAT ONCE THE PARTY IS  
ESTABLISHED, "A VICE PRESIDENT -- OR VICE PRESIDENTS"  
CAN THEN BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT FROM AMONG  
THE PARTY'S MEMBERS, AS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION  
(ARTICLE 78).

3. DR. MAJID ALSO HINTED THAT THERE MAY WELL BE AN  
EXTENSIVE REORGANIZATION IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
MINISTRIES OF THE GOA AT THE SAME TIME AS THE PARTY  
ANNOUNCEMENT. HE INDICATED THAT "A LOT OF WORK WAS  
GOING ON NOW." MAJID OPINED THAT THE NEXT TWO YEARS  
BEFORE THE PARLIAMENT MEETS WOULD BE "CRITICAL." HE  
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CITED THE NEED FOR "HEALTH AND STAMINA" ON THE PART OF  
THE LEADERSHIP (QUALITIES WHICH SOME OBSERVERS RECENTLY  
HAVE FELT THAT DAOUD MIGHT BE LOSING).

4. COMMENT: ABDUL MAJID, HIMSELF, COULD WELL BECOME  
ONE OF THE PERSONS EVENTUALLY DESIGNATED AS VICE PRESIDENT.  
THE FORMATION OF THE PARTY AND APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRES-

IDENT(S) COULD PROVIDE POLITICALLY AWARE AFGHANS WITH  
SOME HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS FINALLY ADDRESSING HIS  
ATTENTION TO THE POST-DAOUD ERA AND LESSEN THE CURRENT  
FEELING OF MALAISE ARISING OUT OF A LACK OF POLITICAL  
ACTIVITY. END COMMENT.  
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